

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application, all of which have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Although not mentioned by the Examiner, Figs. 1A, 1B and 2 show "Prior Art" and have been corrected by labeling them as such.

The drawings stand objected to for failing to show the "crossing portions" recited in claims 3-10.

It is respectfully submitted that the "crossing portions", as may be surmised from Figs. 3A and 3B which provide support for claim 1, are areas in which portions of wiring layers on different levels of the MMIC are arranged directly over each other. They do not have to actually cross at right angles to each other at the "crossing portion". For instance, Fig. 4 shows wiring portion 22 directly over wiring portion 16, with a separator electrode 18 arranged on an insulating interlayer 17.

Thus, the crossing portions recited in claims 3-10 are adequately shown in Figs. 3-6.

The specification stands objected to for failing to disclose the "crossing portion" recited in claims 3-10.

As noted above for Figs. 4-6, such "crossing portions" are shown and disclosed in the specification from page 11, line 17 to page 12, line 17.

To more clearly show such "crossing portions", a dotted circle has been drawn around these "crossing portions" in Figs. 4-6 and labeled "100", and the specification has been amended

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to refer to the labeled crossing portions. If approved, these drawing corrections will be incorporated into formal drawings to be filed prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

Claims 2-10 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Accordingly, claims 1-10 have been amended to correct the noted instances of indefiniteness. The amendment to claim 2 is supported by the specification on page 10, lines 7-17.

Thus, the 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been allowed.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-10, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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